

MOTHER SECURES HELP OF MILLIONS

Money Will Be Used in Fight for Possession of Children.

BATTLES HEROICALLY

She Had Been Separated From Youngsters and Put in Asylum.

Los Angeles, Cal., December 31.—Placing his millions at the command of a mother in her battle to regain possession of her five beautiful children, taken from her by the courts for adoption by strangers, Asa M. Simpson, the octogenarian lumber king of San Francisco, has come to the aid of Mrs. Jane S. Strong, in whose behalf a petition has been filed to have the children restored to her.

The records of the charitable institutions and the courts in this case tell a dramatic story of a rich woman, too proud to appeal for aid even to her wealthy relative, who always had been willing to help in the past; of a woman separated from her children and driven to the verge of insanity by her longing to see them again, and of a strange chain of circumstances which still prevents her from gathering her family together, but which legal steps are being taken to remedy.

Proud Mother Battles Alone.
Mrs. Strong is the granddaughter of a brother of the San Francisco lumber magnate, Asa M. Simpson, who has extensive properties in the Coos Bay region and a private line of steamships.

More than a year ago she was deserted by her husband, and she was too proud to write again to Simpson asking for assistance, although his benefactions had always been prompt and generous. Her brave attempts to support herself and her five children proved futile, however, and neighbors sent word to the Humane Society that the children were not being cared for. An officer was sent to take them to court, and the mother, in her shame and fear of court proceedings, fled.

To the society's authorities, who did not know the history of the woman's effort to make her way independently, it was simply an ordinary case of failure to support, and as the children were bright and with perfect manners, the Home Finding Society within a few days had found splendid foster parents for all five.

Mrs. Strong, driven to desperation by the loss of her babies, the eldest of whom was then only eleven years old, and seeking to soothe her unstrung nerves, began taking paregoric, and while under the influence of the drug was arrested for begging on the streets and sent to the Truvelo Home. This was in October, 1910. For five months she remained at the institution and broke herself of the drug habit. Her record at the home was perfect, and employment was then found for her in a private family.

Throughout all these months the one cry of the mother had been to be allowed to see her babies. She did not ask that they be given back to her at that time, but just wanted to see them, to kiss them, to know that they were in good health and were being cared for. She pleaded for a sight of the five little ones. But her pleas and the requests of the Humane Society officers, it is said, were unavailing.

Lonely Mind Under Strain.
At last Mrs. Strong broke down under the strain of her months of mother-hunger, and she began to have hallucinations that something terrible had happened to the children. These hallucinations became so frequent that she was finally taken to the county hospital, examined before Judge Wilbur as to her sanity and sent to Patton.

It was at this stage that Mr. Simpson became aware of the facts, took a personal interest in the matter, and came here, remaining for several days. He proposed to Judge Wilbur that he be allowed to take full responsibility for Mrs. Strong and her children. He asked permission to resuscitate the little family, and send them all to Coos Bay, where his sons are living. This permission was withheld, and then he engaged counsel to take legal steps to restore the children to their mother, on the ground that she is now in full possession of her faculties; there has never been the slightest question of her moral fitness, and that any steps toward final adoption of the children which have been taken were illegal, as the required period of one year from the time of their technical abandonment has not expired.

Mrs. Strong has succeeded in seeing three of the five babies, and is now eagerly anticipating a settlement of all her troubles, through the assistance of her great-uncle.

PROFITABLE INDUSTRY

Agricultural Official Makes Investigation of Fox Farming.

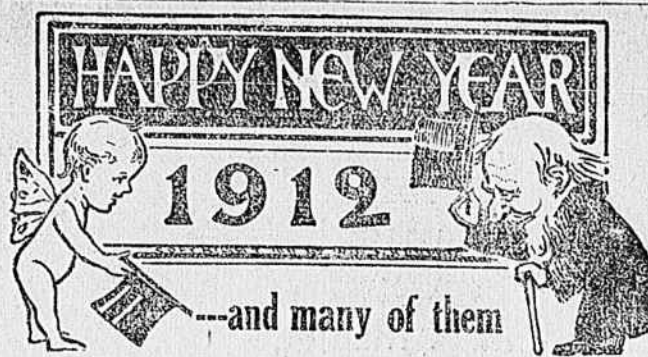
Washington, December 31.—Fox farming is probably the most profitable agricultural industry in the world. This was what J. Walter Jones, of the Department of Agriculture, told the American Breeders' Association here. At the suggestion of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, Mr. Jones made an investigation of the fox farms of Canada, where a practical monopoly

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of the business now is enjoyed, with the idea of trying to interest some Americans in the work.

Natural black fox sets sell at from \$2,000 to \$10,000 a set, Mr. Jones said. Next year's expected crop of pups already has been sold for \$6,000 a pair.

"The increasing scarcity of costly furs," he declared, "and the greatly increased demand make the significance of breeding in captivity the more important. It is probable that within a year or two the breeders will be rearing mink, marten, otters and beavers. Skill such as only a trapper or a close student of nature can achieve is necessary in the successful breeding of the shy and nervous reynard."

"The so-called black fox is the skin of the timber wolf of Kamchatka, the half-wild dog of Manchuria, or cheap American fox dyed black. Only a few dozen genuine black foxes have been caught yearly, and most of them have gone to the nobility of Europe, principally those of Russia and Austria."

MARRIED AT BALTIMORE

Former Publisher of Sun Weds Prominent Society Woman.

Baltimore, Md., December 31.—Local society was stirred by the announcement that Walter W. Abell, former publisher and part owner of the Baltimore Sun, had married Mrs. Mary Forbes Zell, divorced wife of George Leeder Zell. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride this morning by the Rev. J. R. Hoverton, a Presbyterian minister and professor of philosophy in Washington and Lee University.

The greatest secrecy was observed, because of the religious obstacles, Mr. Abell being a Catholic and a regular attendant at the Cathedral, while the bride is a Presbyterian. Mrs. Zell, who was the beautiful May Forbes of Mount Washington, was married about twenty years ago to Mr. Zell, and the eldest of her three daughters made her debut this year. The husband obtained a divorce at Reno in March, 1910, after a satisfactory settlement had been made on his wife.

MUST RETURN TO ZION

Vollva Calls on Non-Residents to Come to His Support.

Chicago, December 31.—Four thousand members of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion, who live outside of Zion City, Ill., have been commanded to dispose of their property and return to Zion City.

The order was issued by General Overseer Wilbur Glenn Vollva, successor to Dowrie. Vollva said yesterday that to retain control of the city it was necessary to have the votes of all non-residents.

"These non-resident members," he said, "are scattered from coast to coast and control property valued at nearly \$100,000."

The money realized from the property, Vollva said, would be invested in Zion City industries.

PROGRESSIVES GATHERING

They Plan to Form Permanent Organization in Ohio.

Columbus, O., December 31.—The vanguard of delegates from all counties of the State began arriving here to-night for the Progressive Republican conference to-morrow, at which it is planned to form a permanent State organization and adopt a declaration of principles as suggested by the meeting of Western reserve Progressives December 11.

The first of the delegates were unable to state whether any candidate would be endorsed as a presidential nominee. Temporary Secretary John D. Fackler declared no candidate would be endorsed.

The declarations of principles, which it was expected, would be adopted without a fight, declared for a downward revision of the tariff as advocated by William McKinley; a non-partisan tariff board; legislation to control corporations; the popular election of United States Senators; the Pinchot-Roosevelt conservation policy; a graduated income tax and the aboli-

tion of "needless public positions maintained solely for political purposes."

The State policies outlined in the platform declared for primary, the initiative and referendum, the short ballot, and a presidential preference law; a general corporation commission; simplification of legal procedure, and a plan for submission to the voters of all questions of public policy. Louis D. Brandeis, Senator Moses Clapp, of Minnesota; Senator Crawford, of South Dakota; Senator Works, of California; Gifford Pinchot, and Congressman E. A. Morse, of Wisconsin, are expected to address the conference.

CHRISTMAS TRAGEDY

White Men Attacked by Negroes, and One Is Killed.

Memphis, Tenn., December 31.—The story of a bloody conflict Christmas Day between three white men and fifteen negroes at Centennial Island, in the Mississippi River, was reported here to-day by two of the men, who, badly wounded, had made their way to this city in a shanty boat.

The men, Charles Young and James Mulloy, of Lambethville, Ark., stated that, together with William Hardesty, they were attacked by the mob of negroes, and Hardesty was killed and his body burned, while they both were wounded. They also told of a narrow escape from the negroes to the shanty boat, in which they managed to reach this city.

The trouble is said to have arisen because of the anger of the negroes at the white men for the alleged opposition to the sale of liquor, the traffic in which the negroes are said to have been conducting on a large scale.

WANT NEW PARK SITE.

Cleveland Officials Lay Plans Before John D. Rockefeller.

Cleveland, O., December 31.—William B. Woods, City Councilman, and others, have laid before John D. Rockefeller a big park improvement project which calls for the removal of a group of brewery buildings at the end of Hough Avenue. The property on which the red brick structures with their tall chimneys are located, would become a part of the park bearing the oil man's name if he decides to co-operate with the city in pushing forward the plan. The plan shows an imposing circle at the Hough Avenue approach to Rockefeller and Wade Parks.

It would take \$250,000 to remove the buildings according to the estimate of Mr. Woods.

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ELOPERS WILL BE TAKEN TO TEXAS

Millionaire Boyce to Be Tried on Charge of Abduction.

WOMAN TO GO TO SANATORIUM

Canadian Authorities Wired to Hold Couple Until Officer Arrives.

Fort Worth, Texas, December 31.—The eloping millionaire, A. G. Boyce, Jr., and Mrs. J. B. Snead, of Amarillo, Texas, will be brought back to Fort Worth, where the latter will be tried on a charge of abduction, and the woman placed in a sanatorium, from which she escaped recently, if such action is possible.

Boyce and Mrs. Snead were arrested in Winnipeg, Man., Tuesday by representatives of the Burns Detective Agency. Application for a requisition has been sworn out here in the Seventeenth District Court and forwarded to Governor Colquitt in Austin for approval.

A deputy is expected to leave with the papers for Winnipeg and return with the pair. But Boyce has not been idle. Advisers from there say that he has employed attorneys, and that they have instituted habeas corpus proceedings in behalf of himself and Mrs. Snead.

Sheriff Rea has wired the Canadian authorities to hold Boyce and Mrs. Snead until his deputy arrives. Detective William Burns, in a message just received here, declared that even if the elopers were released they would be kept under closest surveillance by his men and rearrested.

The husband of Mrs. Snead, who is a millionaire banker and cattle man of Amarillo, is now here superintending efforts to bring his wife and Boyce back.

He says he will prosecute Boyce to the fullest extent of the law. Early in November Snead brought his wife here and placed her in the Arlington Heights Sanatorium, in a determined effort to break off her acquaintance with Boyce, whose father is the owner of the Capital Ranch, near Amarillo, the largest ranch in the world. Mrs. Snead is beautiful, and while thirty, her husband is forty. They have one son about twelve.

Boyce, who is thirty-five, followed her here and managed to see Mrs. Snead despite the strict guard maintained over her. On November 9 Mrs. Snead was downtown shopping, accompanied by a nurse. Suddenly she met Boyce, and, leaving the nurse, they boarded an Interurban car for Dallas, where they took a train for St. Louis. Before leaving Boyce drew out of Fort Worth and Amarillo banks \$100,000 in cash. Mrs. Snead at the time wore jewelry valued at \$15,000. Snead himself traced the pair to St. Louis and New York, where he had thought they had taken ship for Europe. He then started a search that was international in scope. He had offered a reward of \$1,000 for accurate information of their whereabouts and \$5,000 for their arrest.

Wide Chase for Fugitives.
The Burns detectives report that they traced them from New York to Boston, Montreal, Toronto, St. Paul and other cities.

When arrested Boyce declared that a mistake was made in identity, but when given a description of himself he admitted the elopement and declared that he ran off with Mrs. Snead "just because he loved her," and that

Snead did not love her. "Mrs. Snead loves me," he declared, "and we will stick together and see this through. I do not care what they say," and as he spoke these words in a Winnipeg hotel Mrs. Snead threw her arms about his neck, wept and declared she would not return.

Snead declares that he still loves his wife, but that she was erratic and that he decided to put her in a sanatorium merely for her own welfare. Messages from Winnipeg indicate that she will bring suit for divorce. Under the Texas law Boyce, if convicted of abduction, for which the grand jury has indicted him, will be liable to a penitentiary term of three to ten years. It is a penal offense in this State to take away from guardians a person of unsound mind, and Snead says he will prove that Boyce used coercive methods in so taking his wife.

Mrs. Snead will fight the insanity charge. When arrested in Winnipeg Boyce had \$30,000 left.

Physicians Before Jury.
Physicians from the Arlington Heights sanatorium appeared before the district grand jury, and it was following their evidence that the abduction charge was returned. They claimed that Boyce imposed upon Mrs. Snead, and that she was in no fit condition to be at large. Boyce's Winnipeg attorneys also wired her employing local counsel to fight any charge against Mrs. Snead in which insanity is alleged, so a fight between alienists is expected.

Mrs. Snead will refuse to return to her husband if she wins in this procedure, and if she loses will fight the case to the highest courts, according to Winnipeg advice, and no matter how it results Snead will not be able to regain his wife. And unless it is proven conclusively that Mrs. Snead is insane the abduction charge will be dropped against Boyce, in which case she will file counter charges against Snead, alleging false arrest.

Wins Femina Cup.

Etampes, France, December 31.—Mlle. Helene Dutrieu to-day made a flight of 254 kilometres (158 miles), in two hours and fifty-eight minutes, thereby winning the Femina cup and beating all women's records for distance.

The Femina cup is offered for the longest continuous flight made by a woman during the year. It was won last year by Mlle. Dutrieu, who, in that competition covered 167 kilometres.

BANNARD MAY LEAD

Believed He Will Shape Taft's Political Destiny.

Washington, December 31.—President Taft spent New Year's Eve chatting with his friends, Otto Bannard, New York political leader, and former Senator John Kean, of New Jersey, who are house guests at the White House. The President refrained from talking politics, although the invitation tendered Mr. Bannard to accompany Mr. Taft back to Washington gave credence to the belief that he is to take an active part from now in the political affairs of the President.

The President did not take up with Mr. Bannard the proposition that he assume charge of the pre-convention work of the coming campaign. This matter will be gone into to-morrow, when Mr. Bannard will have a conference with Secretary Charles D. Hilles. It is said that Mr. Bannard will not assume the duties of chief of the campaign to be begun at once, but that he will suggest to Mr. Hilles the names of several men who are competent to begin the work for the President's re-nomination.

The plan already discussed includes the opening of headquarters in Washington, from which the various agencies required to bring about the re-nomination of Mr. Taft will be directed.

OBITUARY

Nathaniel F. Jacobs.

Nathaniel F. Jacobs, of the firm of N. F. Jacobs & Son, died at his residence, 316 East Clay Street, Saturday night, after an illness of five weeks. Mr. Jacobs was born in New York City and came to Richmond when a

Summary of Operations of the Building Inspector's Office, From Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 1911

Total number of permits issued in December for new work.....	38
Total number of permits issued in December for alterations and repairs	30
Total number of permits issued in December.....	68
Estimated cost of new improvements in December	\$333,450.00
Estimated cost of alterations and repairs in December	25,610.00
Total cost of work authorized in December	\$359,130.00
Average value of permit for new work in December.....	\$8,775.26
Average value of permit for alterations and repairs in December	855.66
Average value of total permits issued in December	5,251.32

NDW STRUCTURES—1911.			
	No. of Bldgs.	Amount.	
Brick dwellings	42	\$120,800	320
Frame dwellings	15	12,300	172
Brick stores	8	56,310	108
Sheds	5	625	73
Warehouses and manufactories.....	8	21,100	42
Private stables	3	3,025	35
Public stables	1	8,000	6
Substations	1	1	1
Colleges	1	1	1
Brick vaults	1	1	1
Office buildings	7	1,252,500	7
Churches	10	219,097	10
Car barns	1	15,000	1
Public garages	3	1,100	26
Schools	3	1,500	6
Freight depots	1	10,000	1
Hotels	1	325,000	1
Hospitals	2	75,000	2
Libraries	1	110,000	2
Totals	81	\$333,450	514

ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS—1911.			
	No. of Bldgs.	Amount.	
Brick dwellings	1	\$ 300	156
Frame dwellings	12	3,123	278
Brick stores	11	13,300	148
Warehouses and manufactories.....	3	5,508	65
Office buildings	1	1	1
Private stables	1	1	1
Public garages	1	300	3
Colleges	1	1	1
Churches	2	2,600	12
Hospitals	4	8,575	4
Theatres	1	1	1
Depots	1	1	1
Sheds	2	320	10
Car barns	1	1	1
Private garages	1	219	6
Roundhouses	1	1	1
Public stables	2	8,800	2
Schools	2	1,600	2
Banks	1	33,000	1
Engine houses	1	1,200	1
Totals	33	\$25,670	714

Amount of new work authorized to December 31, 1911..... \$5,474,289

Amount of repair work authorized to December 31, 1911..... 544,410

Total amount of work authorized to December 31, 1911..... \$6,018,699

Total number of examinations and reports

Increase in new work in December, 1911, as compared with December, 1910, amounts to \$241,480; decrease in alteration and repair work in December, 1911, as compared with December, 1910, amounts to \$32,261, making a net increase of all work authorized in December, 1911, as compared with December, 1910, of \$209,169.

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